

PEACE PROPOSAL IS DECLINED

CONSTANTINE TRIES TO EFFECT ARREST OF VENIZELLOS, THE GREEK EX-PREMIER

WARRANT ISSUED AT ATHENS ON CHARGES OF TREASON AND LIBELING.

ALLIES ARE MUCH SURPRISED

PROTESTATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP HAD BEEN TAKEN TO MEAN READY ACQUESCENCE.

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London, Dec. 19.—Dispatches from Athens stating that a warrant had been issued there for the arrest of former Premier Venizelos came as a shock to official circles today.

Venizelos has been the champion of the allied cause in Greece since the war began. His revolutionary government has been recognized by the allies and an army has been placed in the field to fight with the allies, of good will by King Constantine and his ministers and the measures adopted to win the friendship of the allies, it was regarded as surprising that the Greek government would allow the warrant to be issued.

Venizelos is accused of high treason and of libeling the Greek general staff.

GERMAN ARMIES WITHIN 25 MILES OF Bessarabia.

(International News Service.)

Berlin, Dec. 19.—The German armies in Roumania have pushed forward until they are less than 25 miles from the Russian province of Bessarabia.

In northeastern Roumania the Austro-German forces are pressing the Russo-Roumanians hard.

Along the Danube and in Dobruja the Bulgarian, German and Turkish troops are driving against the Russian lines near Brevil and Bahadagh.

If, as some military critics believe, the German allies hope to invade Russia and push on towards Odessa, this invasion might be made by way of Bessarabia. It is likely that the Roumanian army will be set to the task of defending the Bessarabian border. It is now being reorganized, and part of it is already in Bessarabia, where the units are being reconstructed by Russian officers.

Turkish troops are now fighting on the Macedonian front. This was made known today by the official report of the German war office, which said: "On the Macedonian front on the Strumpa, Bulgarian and Turkish soldiers carried out successful enterprises."

MORE AMERICANS ARE SUBMARINED

SEVENTEEN HORSE TENDERS ON VESSEL SENT DOWN IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.

(International News Service.)

London, Dec. 19.—The submarine which sank the British freighter Russian in the Mediterranean on Dec. 14, with the loss of 17 Americans, is believed to have been of German nationality, says a dispatch from Naples today. The Americans, according to official information, were all horse tenders. Their names as well as other information has been turned over to the American diplomatic authorities.

DETAILS OF DISASTER ARE ASKED BY UNITED STATES

(International News Service.)

Washington, Dec. 19.—The state department has cabled its representatives abroad for details of the sinking of the steamer Russian by German submarines on Dec. 14, with the loss of 17 American horse wranglers. Up to the present it is without any information whatever regarding the vessel.

NEW INFERNAL MACHINE



This is a new infernal machine, for use in warfare, invented by a street car man of San Francisco. The cylinder contains poison gas and 100,000 rounds of shrapnel. It is said a number of foreign governments are bidding for the device.

ALABAMA FIELD TRIALS WILL BE HELD HERE JAN. 15

THREE BIG EVENTS OFFERED TO OWNERS OF FINE DOGS IN THE STATE.

The eyes of the sporting world of Alabama are turned upon the next big event in Alabama sport, the meeting here Jan. 15 of the Alabama Field Trials Club.

North Alabamians are especially interested in the meet, as Huntsville and Decatur sportsmen are officials of the club. D. S. Echols, of Decatur, is president, and the other officials follow: T. T. Ashford, Birmingham, vice-president; Jack Biddle, Birmingham, secretary-treasurer; John H. Wallace, Jr., Montgomery, game commissioner. The board of governors is composed of the following well-known sportsmen: Hugh Seals, chairman, Birmingham; E. J. Rowe, Birmingham; Robert G. Corner, Decatur; C. B. Elliott, Decatur; W. J. Hutchinson, Huntsville; Lee Moody, Bessemer; B. F. Tyler, Birmingham; John Fletcher, Birmingham.

The field trials will be composed of three stakes, the Derby, All-Age and Free-For-All. These events are open to Alabama owned pointers, English, Irish and Gordon setters. The dogs must be handled by the owner or some other amateur who is a resident of Alabama.

Messrs. W. F. Garth, of Huntsville, and H. Brooks, of Springfield, will act as judges.

The Derby will be run on the first day of the meeting and will be for Pointers and Setters whelped on or before Jan. 1, 1915. The winners of the first, second and third places will be given handsome cups properly engraved with names of owner and dog.

The All-Age is for pointers and setters of any age. Prizes for the first three places will be the same as the Derby. Dogs having won first or second in any open field trial prior to Sept. 1, 1916, are barred from the All-Age.

The Free-For-All is open to dogs and handlers of any state and any age, provided they have not won first or second, or its equivalent, in open field trials prior to Jan. 1, 1917, and are handled by owner or deputy who is not a professional handler in the big circuit.

The coming of the club to Decatur and Albany will be the occasion of many social festivities. The annual meeting of the club will be held at the Lyons Hotel.

STAGE OF RIVER.

Chattanooga, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The Tennessee river at this point today stands at 7.7 feet and is falling; weather clear. At Bridgeport the river stands at 1.7 feet and is stationary; weather clear. At Guntersville the river stands at 5.6 feet and is rising; weather clear.

STOCKS SLUMPED AS FULLER TENDOR OF PEACE REFUSAL IS KNOWN ON 'CHANGE

UNITED STATES STEEL WENT DOWN SIX POINTS IN A PANICKY MARKET.

WILD EXCITEMENT ON FLOOR WHEAT ADVANCED IN CHICAGO PIT IN A MAD WHIRL OF BUYING.

(International News Service.)

New York, Dec. 19.—A confused market greeted the receipt of Lloyd George's statement this afternoon. The first flashes on the premier's statement, telling merely that the peace proposals had been rejected, found a strong and steady but not sensational market.

Later, when the more complete text of the speech appeared in the late afternoon, brokers saw the qualifications, that Britain would not consider peace, and a sharp reaction set in which carried stocks down rapidly. United States Steel dropped nearly 6 points from its high level today to 110 1/2. Other steel stock dropped from three to five points.

The break was followed by wild trading and excitement on the floor. Chicago, Dec. 19.—Wheat began to advance in a whirl of excited buying on the Chicago Board of Trade pit shortly after 11 o'clock. It was attributed to private cables, saying that Lloyd George's speech in parliament was equivalent to a rejection of the German peace proposals.

'Billie' Sunday May Preach Sermon Here

If Billie Sunday conducts a series of meetings in Birmingham, he will be asked to stop in Albany-Decatur for a sermon, according to a report here today. It is said Rev. Sunday will be asked to stop here either en route to or from the Magic City.

The ex-baseball player probably is the best known figure in the American pulpit today and it is thought it would be excellent advertising to have him come here, as he has not preached in a city the size of Albany-Decatur in years. A sermon by him here would draw thousands.

Advertiser Raises His Rate, Breaking All Precedents

England is Planning a Long Food Lane

(International News Service.)

New York, Dec. 19.—England plans to relieve her shortage of food by the establishment of a "safety food lane" between New Brunswick and Liverpool, according to information current here today.

The lane will be patrolled constantly by battleships to prevent submarine activity.

VACANT HOUSES ARE FEW IN ALBANY-DECATUR NOW.

There are fewer vacant houses in Albany-Decatur now than there have been in years, according to local real estate men. Business houses, too, have felt the prosperity and few of them are vacant in the retail district.

Vacant residences practically are unknown and tenants can readily be found for nearly every unoccupied house, real estate men declare.

ALBANY-DECATUR INCLUDE IN POPULATION THE MOST REMARKABLE MAN IN WORLD

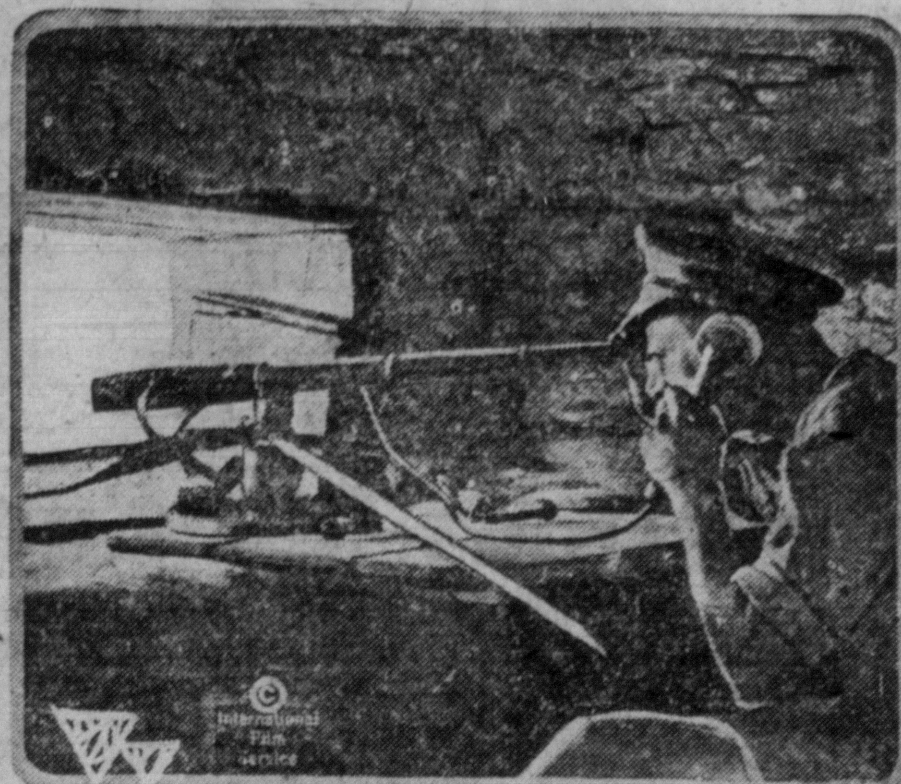
Albany-Decatur include in their population the most wonderful man in all this world. A man who is known all over North Alabama in the business, social and religious circles. A man who has completely shattered a precedent that has stood since Noah built a great ferry boat and went sailing several years ago.

Yesterday afternoon late he did something that man never did before. Perhaps no man ever thought of it before. If man ever did, he did not let his left hand know what his right hand was doing—so kept his thoughts to himself.

This wonderful man conducts a big establishment on Second avenue. He is an advertiser in The Daily. A big advertiser. An advertiser whose account runs high every month. He is

LOOPHOLE OPEN FOR KAISER LLOYD GEORGE TELLS HOUSE

THE EYES OF THE ARMY



An observer in a small hole in the rocks of a hill in the Balkans watches the movements of the enemy and sending the news back by wireless to the British forces.

TROOPS WILL STAY ACROSS THE BORDER MAYOR NELSON PUT BAN ON FIREWORKS

PROCLAMATION APPEALS FOR A SAFE AND SANE OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS.

(International News Service.)

Philadelphia, Dec. 19.—The exact program which the American section of the American-Mexican commission will insist be followed was laid before the entire commission in session here today.

From authoritative sources it was learned that the Americans will insist upon these points: Retention of the American troops in Mexico until there is practical assurance of restoration of order and protection of American lives and property; thorough protection of the border against bandit raids, such protection to be by Carranza troops and American soldiers, or by the latter alone; the right of American soldiers to cross the border in pursuit of bandits on "hot trails."

It is very probable that today will mark the end of the resumed sessions of the commission until after the new year.

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Germany Must Accept Englands' Terms, British Premier Declares or War Will be Waged More Bitterly Than Ever

OTHER ENTENTE NATIONS ALSO REFUSE KAISER'S PEACE PLANS

Teutonic Note Contains No Base For Negotiations to End Great War, Ministers of the Allied Countries Contend

(International News Service.)

London, Dec. 19.—Germany's peace proposals have been rejected by Great Britain.

In a momentous announcement in the house of commons this afternoon Premier Lloyd George said that England declined to enter into peace negotiations with the German allies.

The war will go on.

The new government headed by Mr. Lloyd George is determined to prosecute it more vigorously than ever.

The prime minister said: "England does not intend to put her head into a noose, the lines of which are in Germany's hands. Germany could pull the lines and choke us to death."

"England is going to stand with her allies. There is to be no break in the solidarity of the entente. So far as Great Britain is concerned, England's answer will be given in decisive terms in full accord with the answer already given by France and Russia."

(Russia has already rejected the German peace proposals; France has been advised by Premier Briand to do the same.)

The premier declared that peace without reparation for the past is impossible.

"The German offer and the form in which it comes cannot be accepted," Mr. Lloyd George said. He added that it would be possible to enter into peace negotiations only if Germany needs to conditions under which the future peace of the world is assured.

The premier's speech was made before a crowded chamber of legislators, officers of state and spectators, among whom were diplomats from neutral nations. The audience hung with breathless interest to every word which fell from the premier's lips.

While the German offer has been rejected, the premier left "the door of peace ajar." He stated that "England will refuse to enter into any peace negotiations unless Germany first states on what terms she is willing to negotiate. Prussian militarism must go."

The premier declared that the allies must have "complete guarantees" that the menace of Prussianism is to be removed. The premier declared that "as much as he desired peace the note of the central powers and the speech of Von Bethmann-Holweg that preceded it did not afford ground for satisfactory parley."

In stating that England is going to stand with her allies, the premier said he was glad of the answer given by France to the German proposals. The premier is believed to have had in mind Zeppelin raids and submarine attacks when he declared: "All the outrages on land and sea cannot be liquidated by a few phrases about humanity."

WASHINGTON MUCH CONCERNED OVER BRITAIN'S ATTITUDE.

(International News Service.)

Washington, Dec. 19.—Official Washington today centered its interest on London, awaiting anxiously for Great Britain's reply to the German peace proposal, to be voiced by Premier Lloyd George in parliament.

At the White House and state department there was manifested the keenest interest in the exact terms and forms which the British peace answer would take.

Upon Great Britain's statement of her position today as representing the entente powers, hangs the rejoinder which this statement is expected to elicit from Germany, will depend the attitude of this government in the peace negotiations.

KAISER'S PLAN FOR PEACE FAILS TO PLEASE ITALY.

(International News Service.)

Rome, Dec. 19.—"We all wish peace and lasting peace," declared Baron Sonnino, the Italian foreign minister, in an address to the chamber of deputies on Monday.

The foreign minister was speaking on the German peace proposals, and continued: "I do not desire to use exaggerated language, but the accent of boastfulness and the lack of sincerity which characterized the preamble to the enemy's note certainly inspires no belief that these mysterious peace conditions which the central powers announce they have the intention of exposing later, on which the object of guaranteeing the existence, honor and free development of their peoples, constitute an answer to the postulates we have laid down."

The foreign minister said there is

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KAISER EXPECTED AID FROM WILSON

MUCH DISAPPOINTMENT AT BERLIN BECAUSE NO RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PEACE.

(International News Service.)

Amsterdam, Dec. 19.—London dispatches stating that the German peace note had been handed to the British foreign office without comment from President Wilson caused disappointment in Berlin, said a message from the German capital today.

It had been hoped, although this hope was not officially expressed, that the American executive would make some suggestion to the entente governments, particularly England, indicating the desire of neutrals for peace, the dispatch declares.

No utterance in any of the legislative halls of the hostile powers has been so eagerly awaited as that of the British premier in the house of commons today.

The German newspapers had warned the people not to be too optimistic, for it is felt in Berlin that there will be a wide divergence between the German peace proposals and the answer of Lloyd George.

The opinion held in German official circles was that Lloyd George's reply would be very broad, and that there would be no mention of specific details. It was hoped, however, that the way would be left open for an interchange of ideas.

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ALABAMA NEWSPAPERS FEEL

EFFECTS OF PAPER FAMINE.

When the paper trust, taking advantage of an unusual demand and the talking points of the European war, sent the price of news print paper soaring, it was expected that the smaller papers would suffer. It was hardly anticipated, however, that the metropolitan sheets would also be caught between the upper and nether millstones, and forced to grind their size down to an almost absurd minimum. Yet, there are already examples in Alabama of the trend of events, and Monday morning's Age-Herald appeared in six pages. The following explanatory statement was made:

Owing to the shortage of white paper the Age-Herald appears this morning in six-page form.

As explained in yesterday's issue, the situation has reached a point where it is almost impossible to buy news print paper at any price. The Age-Herald, by careful economy, has enough paper on hand to last only until January 15. It has arranged to secure a supply of paper, beginning March 15, at greatly increased price, but from January 15 to March 15 it must buy in the open market whenever a few rolls of paper can be found.

Along with the Age-Herald announcement comes that of the Huntsville Mercury, which makes a very frank statement to its advertising patrons.

The Mercury says that the enhanced cost of paper and printers' supplies has forced it to advance its advertising rates, and also to eliminate all forms of free advertising. It gives notice that after January 1, only church notices will be printed free of cost, and that obituaries, cards of thanks, boosts of all characters and kinds, must be paid for or left out. The Mercury also demands cash of its subscribers.

Regardless of the price of paper, the Mercury should have long since gone on record as opposing the space graft. There is no more reason why a newspaper should give away the principal commodity it has for sale—space—than that the cigar merchant should set 'em up to choice Havanas to every man who has the temerity to ask for a smoke weed. In this respect, the Mercury is really benefited, for it will get on a commercial basis that will do down to its advantage in the years to come.

Every evil has its blessing, and one of the blessings that the paper famine has brought to the newspaper publisher is that of an enforced adoption of those same business principles that spell the success of the man who engages in some other line of trade.

U. S. GENERALS TAKE VERY MUCH FOR GRANTED.

Major Generals Hugh L. Scott and Leonard Wood, who appeared before the senate sub-committee investigating the Chamberlain universal military training bill, went on record as declaring that the mobilization of the national guard for border duty was a military failure. Both of the generals, as was to be expected, advocated universal training. Gen. Wood declared that if the guardsmen had been compelled to meet good troops they would "never have known what hit them."

Taking into consideration the fact that the guardsmen "never met good troops" or troops of any kind, and that they served most effectively to keep the Mexicans on the other side the border, the statements of these two United States army officers sound a bit extravagant, not to say unwarranted. Why was the mobilization a failure? And why would not the mobilization of an even greater number of troops who had been "universally trained" be even a more colossal failure. Certainly, the guardsmen did not fail to respond to the call of the colors. Certainly they did not run away at the sight of Villa bandits. Then if the mobilization was a failure, was not it the fault of some higher up who neglected to have the equipment ready and the troop trains on the track.

Probably the reason the mobiliza-

tion was a "failure" was because the military bureaucrats long for a bigger army, more men to command, more gold braids and more authority for themselves. Taking it for granted that the sole business of the United States, like that of the aborigines, is to go to war and stay there, the volunteer system is a "failure." That, however, is its real strength. Too much army is a temptation to belligerency. Germany proved that.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH

SERVICE GIVES GOOD ADVICE.

A bulletin that is remarkable from the standpoint of mere wording, one that departs widely from the stereotyped "dry as dust" utterances of the usual government document, has been issued by the United States health service. The tendency of nervous diseases to shorten life caused the issuance of the bulletin, which reads:

So far as is known, no bird ever tried to build more nests than its neighbor; no fox ever fretted because he had only one hole in which to hide; no squirrel ever died of anxiety lest he should not lay by enough nuts for two winters instead of for one; and no dog ever lost any sleep over the fact that he did not have enough bones laid aside for his

declining years.

There is no doubt as to the excellence of this advice. Unfortunately, however, it is much easier to preach than to practice. The father with a proud family and limited income may not be able to carry a cheerful smile all the year round. The mother of a bad boy may sometimes find it impossible to avoid anxiety. Even an ardent lover may be tempted, in the dark days of his romance to allow a frown or two to crease his brow. Probably it is because man is fashioned along different lines from the dog, the fox and the bird that he is prone to act differently, and for this reason he may be excused.

Admitting the human predisposition for worry, and recognizing that ambition and avarice and pride are in themselves good things if not abused, the fact remains that most of the worrying that we do is entirely unnecessary; that all of it is harmful and without reward. To keep a stiff upper lip and laugh in the face of adversity is merely a matter of mental attitude. Take it from Uncle Sam and let not care line your brow or impair your appetite, or shorten your days.

Suitable gifts in Furniture, specially priced this week. Cook Bros. Furniture Co. 18-1f

Just In Passing

CLEMENCY AT CHRISTMAS.

"It looks like every man in the state penitentiary wants to get out and go home to his family for Christmas," said David C. Almon, of Albany. "My mail each day contains from five to a dozen letters from prisoners asking me to recommend their paroles or pardons. Most of them have families dependent on them and they want to get home to help bring Santa Claus to their children. Of course, in a large number of these cases I cannot do anything for them, as much as I would like to see them spend Christmas with their families."

DAILY ADS BRING CUSTOMERS.

"The Daily ads certainly bring customers," said Miss Mary Jane Hadden. "My sister and I advertised the opening of our millinery store and were more than delighted at the results obtained. Many out-of-town calls came in answer to our appeal for business through the columns of The Daily."

MOULTON IS GROWING.

"Moulton is growing," said Rev. Rome Pickens, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of that place.

while here Monday. "The population is almost double that of the last census, and when the census is taken again, I believe that the Lawrence county capital will show a most remarkable expansion from the population standpoint. All that Moulton needs is a railroad, and then it will become a real little city."

APPRECIATE COPY BUREAU.

"The merchants of Albany and Decatur who don't have much time to give to writing their display copy seem appreciative of the fact that the Daily copy bureau is on the job," said Ellis Loveless, of the advertising department of the Daily. "When a merchant finds that he can have his ad written for him, or can get suggestions as to effective methods of newspaper salesmanship, he is inclined to increase his advertising appropriation."

OUTLOOK IS BRIGHT.

"The outlook for the entire South and particularly the Tennessee valley is brighter than at any time in the nation's history," said Charles Reaume, well-known local lumberman. "It seems to me that North Alabama is just bound to boom. If the Muscle Shoals project goes through, this will be the most prosperous section of the globe. Speculators on the exchanges

are certainly looking toward the South and this section. When peace is declared, they expect the South to boom and are making their plans to take advantage of that condition."

MANY MULES BEING BOUGHT.

Many mules are being bought by the farmers of North Alabama, according to Billie Jordan, prominent Madison county farmer, who was here yesterday en route to Lewisburg to purchase a shipment of the long-eared animals. "They are using them on their farms. A large per cent of the surplus supply of mules and horses have been sent abroad and now the farmers are needing them again."

BEST WEEK IN FOUR YEARS.

"Last week was the best week's business the Morgan Furniture Company has enjoyed in four years," said John L. Proctor, local manager. "Of course during Christmas week we have done more business—but last week was not Christmas week. It was just a plain old record breaker. People are buying large quantities of furniture this year."

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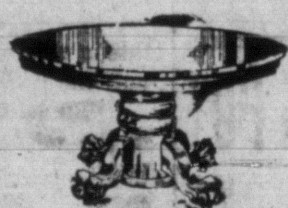
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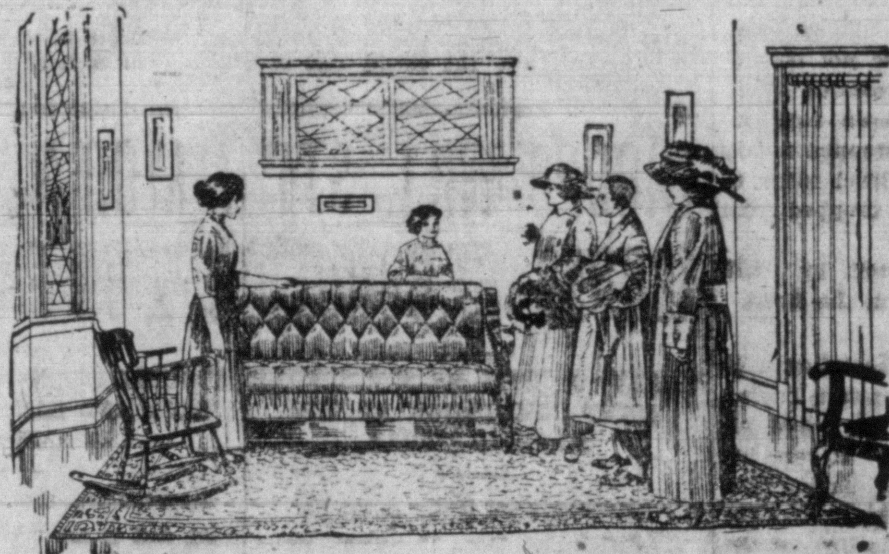
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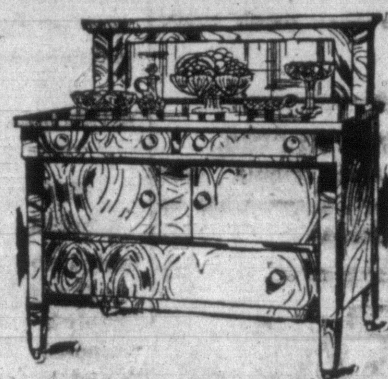
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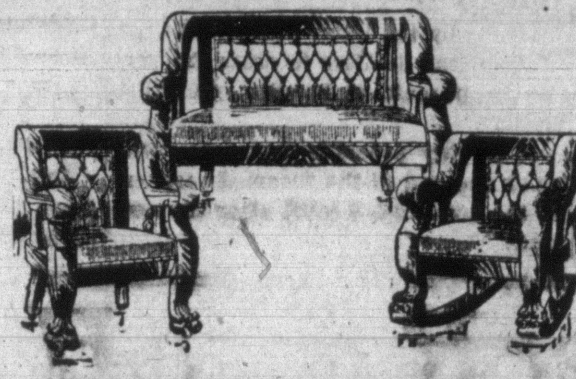
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Yes, it actually is "as fine as silk." For Valier's Dainty Flour is sifted through pure white silk until it is so fine in texture that it almost floats in the air. No wonder this superfine flour makes such light, beautiful baking. Order Valier's Dainty, from your grocer, next time you need flour.



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CHILDREN'S PHOTO PLAY CENSORSHIP RULES EXPOUNDED.

(Special to The Christian Science Monitor from its Eastern Bureau.)
New York, N. Y.—Based upon 195 answers to a questionnaire conducted among skilled individuals throughout the United States, the committee on children's pictures and programs of the national board of motion picture review has compiled a set of 38 propositions governing the selection of films for children under 16 years of age.

The board first states the basis of criticism. This must necessarily be the combined judgment of a number of sane, sympathetic and skilled individuals. It is inevitable that there will be a certain amount of disagreement. It is also human to make mistakes. The individuals who perform the work of criticizing pictures for children can therefore only approximate right decisions.

Investigations by skilled persons interested in young people have developed that children prefer entertaining rather than strictly educational pictures. In most cities and towns more than a majority attend motion picture plays, frequently. The percentage is given as low as 65 per cent and as high as 87 per cent. The younger boys and girls choose first stories of action, including those presenting wild west, thrill, adventure, detectives and sailors. Second, comedy, with a leaning toward the boisterous. Then war, drama, historical and educational films. There is a slight increase in scenic and nature pictures as the age of 16 is approached. This well-defined and universal desire, says the board, is not wrong and deserves to be gratified with wholesome pictures.

It is understood that emphasis shall be placed on themes, situations and details which are positive, helpful, constructive and inspiring. The pictures included on such programs should be, in a broad sense, educational. They should be selected with the understanding of the child's world and child view of life and those motives and ideals which will mold their instincts and thoughts.

Because of the vividness of children's imaginations, the board recommends that scenes dealing with sex and crime should not be shown to minors under 12. Scenes of this nature should be reduced to mere flashes in plays of this character presented before older children. Promiscuous display of revolvers and "underworld" plays are frowned on. Pictures which make light of family ties or the dignity and righteousness of law enforcement should not be shown, but wholesome intimate views of family life are permissible. Costumes in all cases are, to be regulated from the viewpoint of appropriateness to the subject.

A distinction should be made between pictures presenting various forms of dancing. Those which are wholesome in their intent may be shown in all kinds of places.

All unnecessary and shocking details of cruelty and brutality to men and women, children, animals and insects should be eliminated for groups under 16.

Religion and worship in its fundamental forms should be respected, as well as racial peculiarities. The use of children to adult roles in modern stories is not approved. Reticence in scenes showing the use of liquor, in demise scenes, and in the illustrations and text of posters is to be expected in offerings to minors. Comedy scenes need not be coarse, and no picture need be vulgar, the board concludes.

MISS JOHNSON'S PUPILS IN RECITAL.

The pupils of Miss Fannie Johnson will appear in recital this evening at the Albany high school auditorium. The public is invited.

Miss Marie Kimbrough and brother, William, from Boston and New York schools, are to spend the holidays with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Hart and son, Joe, of Nashville, will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Binford.

Mrs. J. H. Hughes, of Nashville, returned home this afternoon, after attending the funeral of the late W. T. Seamons.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Binford and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cunningham have returned from Athens, where they attended the funeral of the late Eugene Horton.

Suitable gifts in furniture, specially priced this week, Cook Bros. Furniture Co.

CLUB CALENDAR.

Tuesday.
Woman's Literary—Mrs. Donnell.
Wednesday.
Married Ladies' Bridge.—
Saturday.
Silk Stocking.—
Colonial Club dance—Club rooms.

Misses Lula and Novie Almon, of LaFayette, Ala., will be the guests for the holidays of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Almon.

AT THE TOY STORE WINDOW.

There's a row of little faces every night outside the store
Where they never draw the curtains
When the watchman looks the door—

Eager, wistful little faces, looking at the heaps of toys
That will bring a Merry Christmas to a host of girls and boys.
Every night they stand there, watching, tattered children, in a row,
Looking at the only Christmas that they possibly can know.

Look them over, Mr. Shopper, when you walk downtown, tonight;
Thin and hungry little children, borrowing a brief delight
From the wonders of a Christmas which to them is just a dream,
Just a swiftly passing vision of how happiness might seem.

And perhaps when you have seen them you will hunt up Santa Claus
For they sadly need somebody who knows how to plead their cause.

Santa Claus has swarms of children on his Christmas calling list,
But he'll add a few names to it if you see him and insist.

Help the old man out a little, he'll be glad to add your mite
To the fund that he's investing in the spreading of delight.

And these little, wistful children will be grateful all the year
For their share, so long denied them, of the blessed Christmas cheer.

—New York American.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF CENTRAL M. E. CHURCH CELEBRATES "HARVEST DAY."

Mrs. A. Z. Bailey was hostess to the Missionary society of the Central M. E. church Monday afternoon, when "Harvest Day" was celebrated. The reception suite was gala in Christmas decorations—using bells and greens.

The program was opened by Mrs. T. G. Hughes, who paid a tribute to the retiring president, Mrs. Brentz Preuit.

Song—"Bringing in the Sheaves."
Reading—"Ruby White."
Devotional—Mrs. Hughes.
Prayer—Mrs. Troup.
Chorus—Sunday school class.
Solo—"Must I Empty Handed Go"—Mrs. Lewis Poynter.

Mrs. Preuit, the retiring president, gave an interesting resume of the two years' work during her incumbency. The planned work for Christmas was culminated on Monday afternoon, when each member "made a dollar and gave a dollar," thus reaping a bountiful harvest. The excellent program was due to the efforts of Mrs. Herman Troup and Mrs. W. A. Rickles. At its close all retired to the dining room, where punch was served by Mrs. Zeno Bailey.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

On Dec. 16, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Aycock opened their doors to about 35 young people, friends of their daughters, Misses Helen and Ellen, who celebrated their fifteenth birth anniversary. Christmas decorations expressed in bells and greens gave the reception suite a holiday appearance. Readings by Miss Hilda Polytinsky and Edna Aycock, and instrumental numbers by Miss Stuckey were features of entertainment. Late the dining room was thrown open, disclosing a table decorated with crystal dishes of bon-bons, but the piece de resistance was a large birthday cake topped by fifteen lighted candles. An ice course was served. Mrs. Aycock was assisted by Mrs. W. F. Robertson.

Miss Kate Hardage will arrive on Thursday from Tusculum for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Berry and children will arrive Saturday to spend the holidays with Capt. and Mrs. W. T. Rowden.

Miss Amelie Throne, an accomplished musician of Nashville, will be the holiday guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Binford.

Mrs. Harry Parker, of Birmingham, will arrive Thursday to be the holiday guest of Mrs. Jno. Pointer.

Miss Myrtle Sullivan has gone to Ohio to visit relatives.

To approach the real solution of "what to give" you should drop in here for a minute.

RELIABLE AND PROGRESSIVE
BUTTREY'S
THE HOME OF FROLASET CORSET

Open evenings until Xmas. We will pay you Shop here, only 4 days more

Holiday Hints and Christmas Glints

At the "Real Christmas Stocked Store" are flavored by the best, newest and prettiest assortments of Holiday Goods ever shown in our line.

We invite you, you and you.

Check off from this list what you would like to see. We have it.

Bath Robes

Shirt Waists, Silk Hosiery in Fancy Boxes, Silk Blouses, Silk Dresses, Silk Petticoats, Sweater Sets, Coats, Furs, Cloaks, Silken Underwear, Ladies Hats, Frolaset Corsets, Ribbons, Jewelry, Initial Handkerchiefs, Neckwear, Maribonu Neck Pieces.

Table Linen

In Sets, Odd Napkins, Blankets, Handbags, Suit Cases, Men's Ties, Dolls, Italian Renaissance in Decorative Linens, Bath Towels, Linen Huck Towels in Guest and Full Size, Tub Silks by the Yard, Bath Mats, Mill Ends of Table Linens, Fine Gold Handle Umbrellas, Comforts.

Have you participated in our Christmas Sale of Ready-to-Wear

A clean, final clearing sale of all "Ready-to-Wear" before Christmas means something at this store. You know its the best that's why we sell them. Come in and have a look.

PERSONALS

Hon. Henry Skeggs, United States marshal for North Alabama, has been ill at his home in Decatur for the past several days with grippe.

Dr. Simmrell Wyatt, of Lexington, will spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Wyatt.

R. R. Vogan, who was called here by the death of his father, returned today to his home at Springfield, Mo. Mrs. Vogan will remain until after the holidays, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Goforth.

M. L. Brownlow has returned to Memphis.

John Sample, prominent attorney of Hartselle, is a business visitor here today.

Will Wyker, prominent Bank street business man, is improving at the South Highlands Infirmary in Birmingham, following a successful operation there yesterday.

Don't Dabble With Dangerous Drugs

Dangerous drugs, such as Calomel, should not be used indiscriminately. As calomel is a mineral made from mercury it should never be taken except under the advice of your physician, and even then it is liable to salfate you. There is no longer any need for you to run the risk of taking calomel, as science has discovered a substitute for it which is called Lemolac. This new medicine is a purely vegetable, pleasant tasting syrup that acts gently but surely on your liver and does not cause you to loose time from your work. Every one should give Lemolac a thorough trial, as the manufacturers have sufficient confidence in its merits to guarantee it to please you. Lemolac is sold by Owl Drug Co., and Thompson Drug Store.

P. S.—If you forget the name spell calomel backward. (Adv.)

Suitable gifts in Furniture, specially priced this week, Cook Bros. Furniture Co.

Clifton Almon will arrive next Friday from the University of Alabama to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Almon.

AN ADVERTISER RAISES RATE

(Continued from Page One.)

a constant user of newspaper space to boost his business.

Now listen. He did yesterday. After the paper went out, and as The Daily's business manager was just about to leave for the day, the advertiser man walked into the office and opened this record-breaking conversation thusly:

"You know I have been thinking this high price of paper must be causing the first of next year, just increase my advertising rate two cents an inch. The business manager of the Daily agreed, heartily, immediately and un-

animously. "Well, I'll tell you; beginning the first of next year, just increase my advertising rate two cents an inch. That might help you a little."

The Daily claims that is the first time in the history of journalism that anywhere in this wide, wide world, an advertiser voluntarily raised his own advertising rate. Isn't he the most wonderful man.

But listen again: "My advertising is worth that much and there's no reason why I shouldn't pay it," was his concluding shot.

A Great Spectacle Masonic Theatre

Tues. Matinee Night Dec 19 One Day Only

The French Government Presents the First and only Official Motion Picture, In Six Reels

"THE FIGHT IN FRANCE"

The woman bears the burden. Why? Ladies think! Suppose He was your brother or husband

Admission --- Children 10cts. Adults 20cts

Lecture by C. Bernard McDermott

Your only opportunity to see actual pictures of the gigantic conflict now waging

Holiday Bargains

Finish Your Christmas Shopping at This Store---Where You Can Save Most
Our Great Holiday Sale
for Wednesday and Thursday
Will Be the Greatest Ready-to-Wear Event of the Year
SUITS, COATS AND DRESSES

An Exceptional Coat Offer that Should Be of Great Interest

Our coat line has just been increased by a shipment from our tailors and they arrived just in time for the eager holiday shoppers. These coats are the very latest creations and the quality of the material and workmanship is unquestioned. Every woman in North Alabama should avail herself of this unusual opportunity to purchase her coat at such an enormous savings.

Beautiful Waists Make Excellent Gifts

These charming waists are especially stylish. We have an exceptionally good lot of these handsome waists made of the very best quality Georgette Crepe, Pussy Willow Tulle, Crepe de Chine etc. in all the latest shades and fashionable models.

Never in your memory have you been in touch with a more opportune sale than this. All we want you to do is to come and see the greatest values of the season. You will buy without the least bit of hesitation. These splendid Suits, Coats and Dresses reflect the very newest and smartest creations of the season. The suits are shown in fine broadcloths, serges, gaberdines, wool velours and all the wanted fabric weaves, in all shades and colors. The coats in silk plush, are extraordinary values. Great collars of first quality material. The dresses

Handsome Suits in the Latest Vogues and at Wonderful Values

Never before have we shown such an elaborate display of the season's newest Suits. You will have no trouble in making a selection from our extensive line of all the most popular designs and fabrics. It is very seldom that you have the opportunity of saving so much, and especially at this season of the year. Come in and let us show these great values.

Pretty Dresses Are Offered at Sensational Savings

You must not pass up these most fashionable offerings from our dress lot. A very extensive line of these good models and all the most desired designs. Plenty of the straight line effects that are characteristic of the choice of all well-dressed women.

embrace every material, shade and color so much in demand among the smartly dressed women today. In all, they are the smartest garments you ever saw on sale at this season of the year at such a low price.

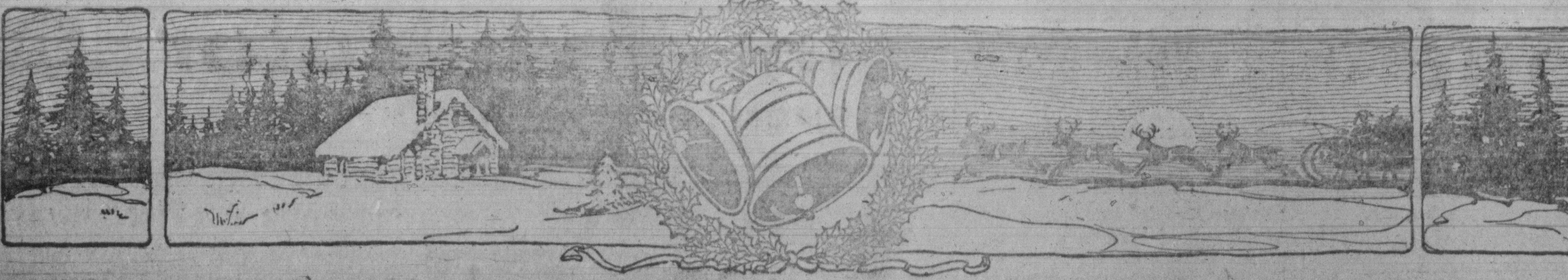
Madame Finnie, whose Millinery shop is in connection with our store, has made extreme reductions on all Hats and offers them at prices that will prevail during this sale.

This Store will be open every evening until Christmas. For the benefit of the "eleventh hour" shoppers, we have made arrangements to keep open house every evening this week.

Such an exposition of choice and beautiful garments as we have assembled here, you undoubtedly have never seen in any store in North Alabama

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Next to Morgan County National Bank



THE ALL-YEAR CAR FOR A CHRISTMAS GIFT

"See What Santa Brought Me!"



Cold weather at the yuletide period—with a dash of snow, a sting of sleet and a nip of frost—is seasonable and appropriate.

Equally so is the All-Year Car

Equipped with a Detroit Detachable Weatherproof Top, the All-Year Car is at Christmas Time a Cozy Limousine

When the heat of summer comes, the top is taken off and the limousine is transferred with a wave of the magic wand into a cool and delightful vehicle.

"Available and suitable twelve months out of twelve"

"Utility first," should be the watchword of every motorist. Economy, service, comfort, convenience—these are the combined attributes of the

ALL-WEATHER CHEVROLET

THE DETROIT WEATHERPROOF TOP

is the only all-weather top that entirely eliminates the objectionable features of a detachable top and affords the car owner an enclosed or open body for year-round use at a really low price. This is accomplished by the following exclusive features:

One: Patented flexible sliding doors which disappear instantly into the roof—no glass to rattle or break. The only door that gives any amount of desired ventilation and allows full freedom for traffic signaling. All four doors can be opened in a few seconds.

Two: Side sections—doors and quarters—can be entirely removed in a few minutes if so desired, giving a full side opening.

Three: Detroit-Weatherproof Tops are the lightest detachable tops on the market, weighing only approximately 50 lbs. more than the present top on your car.

Four: Detroit-Weatherproof Tops are absolutely non-rattling. They are attached to the regular body irons of

the car and fit perfectly flush with the sides of the body. They can be attached while the driver waits and do not deface or mar when detached.

Five: Detroit-Weatherproof Tops are completely equipped and exceedingly well finished. The exterior being of a strong, durable, long wearing special material—the interior lining and trimming of handsome limousine cloth. In the center of the permanent roof is installed a completely wired, ready for connection to the dash, a 3-inch electric dome light.

Six: Detroit-Weatherproof Tops are the lowest price satisfactory tops on the market, and while low in price are high in quality and durability, and are a handsome addition to any car.

The All-Year Chevrolet, with Detroit Weatherproof Detachable Top

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If you expect to buy a car before June 1, and have read this advertisement and will write saying you have, and will clip this out and mail to this company we will mail you our check for

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Signature
Address

Malone Coal, Grain and Motor Co.

ALBANY, ALA. PHONES 12 and 13.

Finley is Build'n; Handsome New Home

The handsome new home being erected by J. G. Finley, near Magnolia Heights, Decatur, will be completed within the next few weeks. The dwelling is being erected at a cost of

several thousand dollars and is one of the prettiest locations in the two cities. The lot comprises several acres and is a natural park location.

Engraved Christmas cards are the correct remembrance for friends. See the handsome line at the Daily office.

The wedding season is here. Buy your engraved wedding invitations printed or engraved. The Daily.

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Only Sleeping Car Passengers carried on this train south of Montgomery.

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Additional fast steel vestibuled trains leave Birmingham for New Orleans daily at 9:00 am. and 3:55 pm.



Use Your Fan to help
keep you warm

The fan that kept you cool last summer will keep you warm this winter.

By setting your fan in front of a hot air register you will draw up more heat and distribute it better throughout the room.

If you haven't a fan already, lose no time in securing one. It will prove an all-the-year-round comfort.

ALABAMA POWER COMPANY
T. L. BEAUCHAMP, Local Mgr.

GERMANY EXPLAINS COLUMBIA SINKING

(International News Service.)

Berlin, Dec. 19.—The German reply to the American inquiry regarding the sinking of the American steamer Columbia on November 8 has been handed to Joseph Grew. American charge de affaires, the semi-official Overseas News Agency announced today.

The note states that at the time the Columbian was sunk the weather was so misty that it was impossible to see a distance of three miles. Both wind and sea were high.

After firing a warning shot, the submarine signalled the vessel to send her papers on board. The Columbian replied: "I cannot discern your flag." The submarine went forward to inspect the steamer and then submerged, the note said.

APPLICATION TO PROBATE WILL.

The State of Alabama, Morgan County. In Probate Court, December 19, 1916. In the matter of the estate of J. H. Vogan, Deceased.

Whereas, Robt. R. Vogan and Jessie L. Goforth have this day produced in said Court an instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of J. H. Vogan, and therewith filed their petition in under oath, praying that said instrument of writing be admitted to probate and record as the last will and testament of said J. H. Vogan, deceased.

And it is ordered by the Court that the 11th day of January, 1917, be set as the day on which to hear testimony in proof of the due execution of said purported will and testament of said deceased; and notice of the filing of said petition and the day above set for the hearing and consideration of the said petition, is hereby ordered to be given by publication, once a week for three consecutive weeks, in the Albany-Decatur Daily, a newspaper published in county of Morgan and state of Alabama, to Henry V. Clark and Alzina Clark, who reside at New Castle, Pa., to be and appear before this court on said 11th day of January, 1917, then and there to show cause of anything they have to allege why said instrument of writing should not be admitted to probate and record as the true last will and testament of J. H. Vogan, deceased.

WM. E. SKEGGS,

Judge of Probate, Morgan Co., Ala.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias issued out of the Clerk's office of the Law and Equity court of Morgan County, and State of Alabama, and to me directed, whereby I am commanded to make the amount of a certain judgment recently obtained against Frank C. Brown, out of the goods, chattels, lands and tenements of the said Frank C. Brown, I have levied on the following property, to-wit:

Vacant lot 15, block 37, addition 3, Decatur Land Improvement and Furnace Company to Decatur, Alabama. House and lot 34 and 20 feet off west side of lot 20, Decatur, Alabama. House and part lot 256, corner Oak and Vine streets, Decatur, Alabama. All lying and being in Morgan county, Alabama.

Therefore, according to said command, I shall expose for sale, at public auction, all the right, title, and interest of the above-named Frank C. Brown, in and to the above-described property, on Monday, the 8th day of January, 1917, during the legal hours of sale, at the court house door in Decatur, Alabama.

Dated at Decatur, Ala., this 2nd day of December, 1916.

JAMES A. FORMAN,

Sheriff Morgan County, Ala.

By J. L. DRAPER, D. S. D. 11-18-26

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

State of Alabama, Morgan County. Probate Court, Dec. 11, 1916. Estates of Theo. Emens, Earl Emens, Carl Emens and Clara Emens, Minors.

Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that Frank Emens as guardian of the estates of Earl Emens, Theo. Emens, Carl Emens and Clara Emens, has filed his accounts and vouchers for the final settlement of his guardianship of said estates, and that the 2nd day of January, 1917, has been set as the day for hearing such settlement, at which time you can appear and contest said settlement.

WM. E. SKEGGS,

Judge of Probate D 11-18-26.

GERMAN'S ATTACKS HALTED BY FRENCH

(International News Service.)

Paris, Dec. 19.—German troops delivered an attack south of the Somme last night and penetrated some of the advance trenches of the French, but were driven out, the war office announced.

At Chambrettes farm on the Verdun front and at Louvemont, the French positions were heavily shelled by the Germans last night. Gen. Joffre has formally turned over the command of the French armies of the north and northeast to Gen. Neville, it was announced today.

Negro Pleads Guilty to Charge of Theft

Will Tucker, negro, pleaded guilty in the law and equity court this morning to a larceny charge and was sentenced to one year and one day. He is alleged to have illegally taken a quantity of seed cotton from E. W. Bussey.

A jury in the law and equity court today is hearing several minor criminal cases.

Buttermilk Takes Jump Upward; Now Priced at 20 Cents

And now its buttermilk. Butter went up, eggs went up and everything else went up, but there always was something substantial about buttermilk. Folks never considered it as one of those skyrocketing establish that were high one day and low the next. Buttermilk was rather conservative.

Local dairymen claim, however, that the high price of feeds caused the jump. Many of them are quoting from 10 to 20 cents a gallon.

Marriage License Buyers Shop Early

Buyers of marriage licenses in Morgan county apparently did their Christmas shopping early. Generally along about December 15 a rush for licenses begins, but this year the rush hasn't started yet. November business was good, however, so Probate Court Clerk Frank Davis is inclined to believe the citizenship has hardened to the nation-wide slogan.

A license was issued yesterday to Silas Smallwood and Miss Maudie Ione Millwood.

FOUR POSTMASTERS EIGHTH DISTRICT

President Wilson yesterday sent several nominations to the senate of third class postmasters in the Eighth district, the appointments being made upon the recommendation of Congressman Edward B. Almon.

The appointees follow:
Moulton, Walter B. Harris;
Courthand, Henry B. Hall; Leighton, Frederick W. McConaugh;
Madison, Mrs. Ora B. Warr.

L. & N. Check For its Taxes Expected Soon

City Clerk Henry Hartung, of Albany, is expecting the Louisville & Nashville's check for its city taxes every day. The L. & N. always is among the first of the corporations to enrich the municipal treasuries. The check this year will amount to more than \$4,000.

Taxes are being paid slowly now. Mr. Hartung said this morning, but are expected to come in more rapidly later.

FAMILY AVOIDS SERIOUS SICKNESS

By Being Constantly Supplied With
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McDuff, Va.—"I suffered for several years," says Mrs. J. B. Whitaker, of this place, "with sick headache, and stomach trouble."

Ten years ago a friend told me to try Thedford's Black-Draught, which I did, and I found it to be the best family medicine for young and old.

I keep Black-Draught on hand all the time now, and when my children feel a little bad, they ask me for a dose, and it does them more good than any medicine they ever tried.

We never have a long spell of sickness in our family, since we commenced using Black-Draught.

Thedford's Black-Draught is purely vegetable, and has been found to regulate weak stomachs, aid digestion, relieve indigestion, colic, wind, nausea, headache, sick stomach, and similar symptoms.

It has been in constant use for more than 70 years, and has benefited more than a million people.

Your druggist sells and recommends Black-Draught. Price only 25c. Get a package to-day.

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Business firms and individuals should not neglect the holiday courtesies. Engraved Christmas cards, a handsome line, now on display at the Daily office. Order early.

The Big Reprints of the Year

HERE they are, including books by such Authors as Booth Tarkington, Robert Hichens, Zane Grey, Mary Roberts Rinehart, Eleanor H. Porter, Myrtle Reed, George Barr McCutcheon, Julia M. Lippmann, Ernest Thompson, Seton, William J. Locke, James Oliver Curwood, Kathleen Norris, Kate Langley Bosher, Harriet T. Comstock, Helen R. Martin, Etc.

Get them fixed in your mind. They are the big sellers of yesterday, the great fiction successes of last year and the year before, at \$1.25 to \$1.50 net, and now for the first time offered at

POPULAR FICTION 59c

This list of titles comprises books that have met with popular favor in the more expensive editions ranging in price from \$1.25 to \$1.50 when first published and they may now be procured in this inexpensive binding for 59c.

Penrod, by Booth Tarkington.	How It Happened, by Kate Langley Bosher.	The Clansman, by Thomas Dixon, Jr.
Eyes of the World, by Harold Bell Wright.	Daddy Long-Legs, by Jean Webster.	Mr. H. H. and William Green.
Molly Make Believe, by E. H. Abbott.	The World's End, by Amelia Rives.	His Unknown Wife, by Louis Tracy.
Miss Billy, by Eleanor Porter.	Mating of Lydia, by Mrs. Humphrey Ward.	Back Home, by Irvin S. Cobb.
Making Over Martha, by Julie M. Lippmann.	No. 13 Washington Square, by Leroy Scott.	The Fortunate Youth, by W. J. Locke.
Barnabeta, by Helen R. Martin.	Street of Seven Stars, by Mary Rinehart.	V. V.'s Eyes, by H. S. Harrison.
Making Money, by Owen Johnson.		Contrary Mary, by Temple Bailey.
		Rebecca Mary, by A. H. Donnell.

LATEST FICTION

All of the New Books Here

The World For Sale, by Gilbert Parker.	1.35	The Woman Gives, by Owen Johnson.	1.40
The Magnificent Adventure, by Emerson Hough.	1.40	The Man Who Wrought, by Ridgwell Cullum.	1.35
The Girl Philippa, by Robt. W. Chambers.	1.40	Mary Gusta, by J. C. Lincoln.	1.35
The Wonderful Year, by W. J. Locke.	1.40	His Unknown Wife, by Louis Tracy.	1.35
Georgiana of the Rainbow, Annie Fellows Johnston.	1.25	Come Out of the Kitchen, by Alice D. Miller.	1.25
Prudence Says So, by Ethel Hueston.	1.25	The Seed of the Righteous, Juliet Wilbur Tompkins.	1.25
The Trunkers, by Sam'l Merwin.	1.35	The Cab of the Steeping Horse, by John Reed Scott.	1.35
Enoch Crane, by F. Hopkinson Smith.	1.35	Second Choice, by Will N. Harben.	1.35
The Career of Katherine Bush, by Elnor Glyn.	1.35	Betty at Fort Blizard, by Mollie Elliot Seawell.	1.50
Lady Connie, by Mrs. Humphrey Ward.	1.50	The Old Blood, by Frederick Palmer.	1.10
The Leopard Woman, by Stewart Edward White.	1.35	Ebbie D. D., by Irvin S. Cobb.	1.20
Marion, by the Author of "Me".	1.35	Local Color, by Irvin S. Cobb.	1.35
Mr. Brilling Sees It Through, by H. G. Wells.	1.50	The Wishing Moon, by Louise Dutton.	1.35
Penrod and Sam, by Booth Tarkington.	1.35	The Snow Burner, by Henry Oren.	1.25
Rainbows End, by Rex Beach.	1.35	A Man of Athens, by Julia D. Dugan.	1.50
The Rising Tide, by Margaret Deland.	1.35	The Lion's Share, by Arnold Bennett.	1.50
When a Man's a Man, by Harold Bell Wright.	1.35	A Gilded Vanity, by Richard Dehan.	1.40

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Crop of Christmas Candy Packages is Exceedingly Short

Albany-Decatur are threatened with a famine that threatens to worry the woosers of beautiful maidens no little bit. It's candy this time. There has been a shortage in nearly everything else in the world and now the sweet tooth is expected to suffer. Those receiving Christmas gifts in

the form of beautiful Christmas packages of the "made last night" sweets can count themselves lucky. According to local druggists the m. l. n. Christmas package is exceedingly hard to get.

"We ordered a large quantity of candy in Christmas packages," said B. E. Preuit, "but we were not awarded near what we wanted. Our wholesale houses said the candy crop is very short."

The high price of sugar and the shortage in a number of ornaments (that generally are put on Christmas boxes) is assigned as the reason.

PEACE PROPOSAL IS DECLINED

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no sign of conditions on which negotiations might be started.

RUSSIAN COUNCIL DECLINES ALL GERMAN PROPOSALS.

(International News Service.)
London, Dec. 19.—The Russian council of the empire has announced that it unanimously favors an unequivocal refusal of Germany's peace proposals, according to a Petrograd dispatch received today.

The Russian council of the empire consists of an equal number of elected members and members nominated by the Czar. The council has legislative powers similar to that of the Duma, and any proposals rejected by it need not be submitted to the Czar for ratification.

LITTLE SURPRISE SHOWN BY OFFICIALS AT CAPITAL

(International News Service.)
Washington, Dec. 19.—Rejection by Great Britain, following in the footsteps of the allies, of the German peace proposals caused little genuine surprise here. However, both official and diplomatic circles find a single ray of hope in the words of Lloyd George. In saying that "Great Britain would refuse to enter any negotiations unless Germany states on what grounds she is willing to make peace." It was felt that Germany has opened the door of peace suggestions and will be willing to go further and tell the world on what basis she is willing to talk peace.

Whether any terms Germany might offer would receive more consideration than her initial offer was a question in grave doubt here this afternoon. President Wilson and Secretary Lansing declined to make any comment whatever on the basis of press reports from London. Whether the president will feel free to take any steps to urge peace still remains problematical.

Many Advantages of the All-Year Car

Detachable Top Makes It Ideal for Use in Summer and Winter.

The Malone Coal, Grain & Motor Company is offering for sale an all-year car that has many advantages, and that appeals especially to the motorist who owns but one machine. Equipped with a Detroit detachable weatherproof top, this car is in practical effect a cozy limousine in winter, and by removing the top becomes an open car for summer. The top is sold separately if the purchaser desires.

The merits of the All-Year car are more fully set out in a page advertisement in today's Daily.

Sheriff is Planning Big Christmas Feed For 'House Guests'

The prisoners in the Morgan county jail are going to have one big feed along about the latter part of this month. In fact, Christmas is going to mean a lot more than just December 25 to the temporary house guests of Sheriff Norman.

The "high sheriff" of Morgan, high in a number of things, including physique and mentality, is at work already on the menu and when he finishes, that program of eats will make many of us wish we were on inside looking out from behind the barred windows, too.

Johnson May Succeed Dillehay as Alderman

Ex-Alderman Johnson, a member of the last city council, may succeed Jack Dillehay as a member of the present city governing board. Mr. Johnson's name has been mentioned prominently for the place.

Mr. Dillehay will become president of the council, succeeding John Patterson, who will tender his resignation to become secretary of the Decatur Land Company.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy. It is taken internally and acts through the Mucous Surfaces of the System. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Cure fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio.
Sold by Druggists, 75c.
Hall's Family Pills for Constipation.

Many Farmers are Shopping Here Now

Albany-Decatur are enjoying probably the largest trade from the rural sections this Christmas than the two cities have ever known.

The wagons in the business sections are increasing in number every day and this week bids fair to be a record breaker, according to local retail and produce men. The high price of cotton and farm products generally has stimulated a large trade. The farmers appear to be well supplied with money.

Henry Seifert Dies at Hanceville Home

Was Member of Large Family, Thirteen Brothers and Sisters Surviving.

Funeral services were held yesterday at Hanceville for Henry Seifert, aged 31 years, member of a large family, several of whom are well known here. Mr. Seifert's death was due to stomach trouble, his illness extending over a period of three months.

Surviving relatives are a father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Seifert, of Hanceville; seven sisters and six brothers, all but two of whom attended the obsequies. Among the surviving brothers are Prof. Charles Sibert, of the Hartselle public schools; Dave and Louis Sibert, of Albany, and Andrew and Peter Sibert, who at one time made their home in the Twin Cities.

USED ONE BOTTLE OF "SEVEN AIDS"

And Now Eats Anything He Wants
Doesn't Hurt Him And is Perfectly
Sound, Says Mr. Wm. Roach.
Had Liver Disorder and
Stomach Trouble For 5 or
6 Years and Found no
Benefits From Other
Medicines.

"I have had a very bad liver disorder for five or six years, also stomach trouble for about the same length of time, and I have taken everything that I thought would be beneficial, and never found any relief until I began to take 'SEVEN AIDS,' said Mr. Wm. Roach, 612 Shelby Ave., Nashville, Tenn. Mr. Roach further stated, 'I have only taken one bottle, and I now feel like a new man. I am not bothered at all, and can eat anything I want and it doesn't hurt me. And today I feel like I am perfectly sound.'"

"SEVEN AIDS" is not a make shift but a Nature's Remedy that accomplishes something. "SEVEN AIDS" begins its work from the very first dose and doesn't only begin, but DOES THE WORK if properly taken. Take "SEVEN AIDS" and it will prove its merit to even the most skeptical.

Buy a bottle. Try it. Accept no substitutes.

Look for DELAFONTAINE and the INDIAN ARROW on each label.

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equal best made, in fact Gato on cigars is just like 24 karat on gold. We have these from

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We also have all the popular brands in boxes of 25 to box, and all you have to do is to ask us, we know the brand he smokes.

Cigars are like every other line, hard to get and in many cases have advanced, but while they last you may have them at old prices.

Come early and let us wrap a box for him now, you can't please him any better than a box of Gatos.

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Getting Together

In this day and age, nothing is so beneficial in business as getting together.

We are something more than Bankers—something more than just a safe place to store your money—something more than a pass-book, check or vault.

We are a very human lot of individuals, and it is a matter of pride with us, that aside from the responsibilities we have developed in our business, we have always cultivated the friendship of those whom we serve.

COME IN—LET'S GET TOGETHER.

Morgan County National Bank

ALBANY, ALABAMA.

It Will Prove a constant pleasure to the CHILDREN ENROLL THEM AS MEMBERS OF OUR BIG ENTHUSIASTIC CHRISTMAS SAVINGS CLUB

and let them acquire the habit of saving.

They will enjoy the idea of saving money for Christmas. The weekly deposits will keep the Christmas spirit alive the year round, and when they get checks from "Santa Claus" they will be delighted.

IT'S JUST AS MUCH FUN For the Grown-Ups

Enroll and set the children an example in THRIFT. Let everyone in the family join and all will have money to make next Christmas

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

in the fullest sense for themselves, their families and their friends.

EVERYBODY ENROLL NOW

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TOYS, TOYS, TOYS--SANTA IS HERE

With the Greatest Collection He Has Shown
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We have those interesting educational toys, such as master builders, mechanical toys and building blocks. Our wheel toys, such as Automobiles, Bi-Cars, Velocipedes, Wagons, Bicycles, etc.

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We have the greatest line of dolls in the city and comparison proves our values far superior to others.

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ANY QUANTITY

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County Physicians
Will Dine Tonight

Covers Laid for Thirty-Five at the Hotel Lyons.

The Morgan County Medical Society will banquet tonight at the Hotel Lyons. The dinner will begin at 9 o'clock, several guests from Athens coming in on the night L. & N. train. About thirty-five guests will be present.

The committee from the medical society appointed to prepare for the banquet is composed of Dr. Frank Chennault, Dr. W. H. Greer and Dr. W. C. Bailey.

MRS. VANDERBILT IN MARBLE



C. S. Pietro has completed a marble bust of Mrs. Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, considered one of the most beautiful women in America. Art critics pronounce the bust as the best marble portrait work Pietro has done.

**Living Probe Ends
With Little Relief**

STATE LAWS VIOLATED, NOT FEDERAL ONES, AGENTS FIND AFTER INVESTIGATION.

(International News Service.) Washington, Dec. 19.—The much heralded government crusade to end the high cost of living has come to an untimely end.

It is expected that there will be a few scattered prosecutions for conspiracy to keep up prices, but the wholesale arrests and prosecutions previously promised cannot take place.

Agents investigating conditions have learned that in nearly all instances where the law was violated it was the state laws and not the federal laws. The majority of prosecutions, as a result, are up to the local authorities in nearly every big city of the country.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to express our appreciation and gratefulness for the ministrations of our friends during the illness and death of our father, the late J. H. Vogan. We are grateful and shall ever remember your tender attentions.

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**Hubby Kills Wife
Sister and Self**

Mississippi Man, Said to Be Drinking, Uses Deadly Weapon.

Ripley, Miss., Dec. 19.—The most gruesome tragedy that ever occurred in Ripley happened here last night at 7:30 o'clock, when C. M. Phyfer, a prominent druggist, shot and instantly killed his wife and Miss Callie Nelms, his sister-in-law, who was at the Phyfer home, then sent a bullet through his own brain.

The two small children of Mr. and Mrs. Phyfer, aged six and eight, escaped, and made their way through the darkness to a neighbor's home, when they told of the awful affair. When friends got to the house the women were dead and Mr. Phyfer cannot live.

Mrs. Phyfer and Miss Nelms were daughters of Sam Nelms, mayor of Ripley. Mr. Phyfer is said to have been drinking.

**Girls With Beautiful Faces
or Graceful Figures**

American girls have a world-wide reputation for beauty, but, at the same time, there are girls in our cities who possess neither beauty of face nor form, because in these instances they suffer from nervousness, the result of disorders of the womanly organism. At regular intervals they suffer so much that their strength leaves them; they are so prostrated that it takes days for them to recover their strength. Of course, such periodic distress has its bad effect on the nervous system. The withered and drawn faces, the dark circles and crow's feet about the eyes, the straight figure without those curves which lend so much to feminine beauty are the unmistakable signs of womanly disorders.

When a girl becomes a woman, when a woman becomes a mother, when a woman passes through the changes of middle life, are the three periods of life when health and strength are most needed to withstand the pain and distress often caused by severe organic disturbances.

At these critical times women are best fortified by the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, an old remedy of proved worth that keeps the entire female system perfectly regulated and in excellent condition.

Mothers, if your daughters are weak, lack ambition, are troubled with headaches, lassitude and are pale and chilly, Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is just what they need to surely bring the bloom of health to their cheeks and make them strong and healthy.

If you are a sufferer, if you daughter, mother, sister need help, get Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription in liquid or tablet form. Then address Dr. Pierce, Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y., and receive confidential advice from a staff of specialists, that's free; also 136-page book on woman's diseases sent free.

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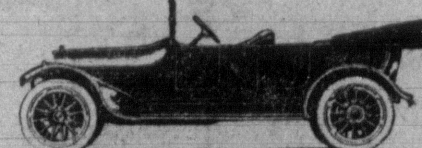
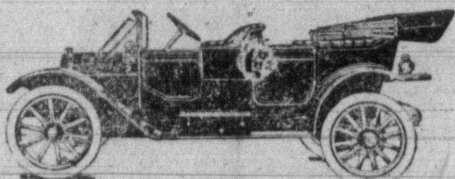
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